

with the early history of photography, microscopy, &c. Among Dr. Booth's theological writings may be mentioned *The Bible and its Interpreters* (1861), *A Sermon on the Death of Admiral W. H. Smyth, D.C.L., F.R.S.* (1865), and *The Lord's Supper, a Feast after Sacrifice* (1870). Dr. Booth was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society on January 22, 1846, and of the Royal Astronomical Society on June 10, 1859.

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Mr. W. R. COOPER was born in 1843. He was for many years assistant curator, under the late Mr. Joseph Bonomi, of Sir John Soane's Museum in Lincoln's Inn Fields. Here he imbibed an enthusiastic love of archæological studies, and became acquainted with others interested in similar subjects. On the formation of the Society of Biblical Archæology he was chosen as secretary, an office which he retained till his death. In this capacity he greatly assisted the late Mr. George Smith in bringing his discoveries before the public. He also had a large share in editing the valuable series of volumes entitled *Records of the Past*. Besides these semiofficial duties he published several works of his own, amongst which should be mentioned *The Serpent Myth*, *The Myths of the Horus and Osiris*, *Egypt and the Pentateuch*, *Egyptian Obelisks*, *Heroines of the Past*, and particularly his large and important *Archaic Dictionary*. Mr. Cooper was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society in January, 1875. During the last two years his health rapidly failed, and he was obliged to remove permanently to Ventnor, where he died on November 15, 1878.

HENRY SAMUEL ELLIS, of Exeter, died on May 13, 1878, in the fifty-third year of his age, at Holmwood, the seat of J. J. Barrow, Esq., Tunbridge Wells, where he was on a visit for a few days; the cause of his death being disease of the heart. In early life he had a taste for scientific pursuits, and took some interest in botany. In a quiet and unassuming manner he made his influence felt in any undertaking in which he was engaged; and he was mainly instrumental in altering the time in Exeter and throughout the West of England, from Bath westward, from local to Greenwich time. In support of all scientific movements in Exeter, Mr. Ellis was most earnest. It was chiefly through his exertions that the British Archæological Association was brought to Exeter; he actively assisted in establishing the free library and museum in that city, and was one of the first to support the local School of Science. Mr. Ellis was mayor of Exeter in 1869, when the meeting of the British Association was held there, and many will remember how admirably he carried out the duties of his office. For many years he regularly attended the meetings of the British Association, and it was this fact, in connexion with the interest

he manifested in aiding to bring the Association to Exeter, that induced the Town Council to elect him an alderman, in order that he might be mayor when the Association visited the city.

Mr. Ellis gave much time and attention to railway business. He was the prime mover, if not the originator, of the Railway Shareholders' Association, and at the time of his death he was chairman of two railway companies, the Culm Valley and the Brixham, and director of many others. He was a director of the Bristol and Exeter Railway until its purchase by the Great Western Railway Company.

Mr. Ellis was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society on February 9, 1855, and was one of the party who went to Spain in the 'Himalaya' to observe the total solar eclipse of 1860, July 18, and landed at Santander (*Monthly Notices*, xxi., p. 1). He leaves a widow, six sons and one daughter.

Dr. PETER HOLMES, D.D., was born in the town of Plymouth. In 1837 his father sent him to Oxford, where he obtained his B.A. degree in 1840, his M.A. in 1844, and his D.D. in 1859. He was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Exeter in 1840, and priest in the following year. In December 1841 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. He was given the curacy of Sheepstor in 1840, of Bickleigh in 1843, and of Egg Buckland from 1847 to 1861. For seven years he was Diocesan Inspector of Schools in the Deanery of Plymouth, and from 1868 acted as curate at Pennycross. For many years he was the Head Master of the Plymouth Grammar School; and he afterwards carried on a private school at Mannamead. The greater part of his life may be said to have been devoted to education, for which he was eminently qualified. He was a man of high attainments, most genial and warmhearted in manner, and had the merit of winning the love of his pupils, and creating in them a lasting interest in him during their future lives. Dr. Holmes led an active and useful life. His sonorous tones were frequently heard at the Plymouth Institution, over which he had presided as its President, and his portly frame and ready utterances will be sadly missed there. Of late years he generally officiated on Sundays in the services at Pennycross Chapel, and was ready at all times to give cordial assistance to those who sought his aid.

His literary attainments were of the highest order, and the profound and scholarly character of his mind may be judged from a list of his works taken from the *Clerical Directory*: "Observations on the Standard of Doctrine in the Church of England," 1848; "Translation of Bishop Bull's *Defensio Fidei Nicæne*," 2 vols. for the Anglo-Catholic Library, Oxford, 1851-52; "Translation of Bishop Bull's *Judicium Ecclesie Cathol.*," *ibid.*, 1855; "Treatise on Diocesan Synods," 1852; Articles on "Greek Testament Criticism" in the *Christian*